

Amendments to the Drawings:

Please substitute the attached sheet 1 (Figures 16-19) of formal drawings for sheet 1 of the formal drawings originally filed with the application. A separate Transmittal of Formal Drawings is submitted.

The drawing sheet or sheets attached in connection with the above-identified application containing Figure(s) 16-19 is being presented as a new formal drawing sheet or sheets to be substituted for the previously submitted drawing sheet or sheets. The drawing Figure 18 has been amended. Appended to this amendment is an annotated copy of the previous drawing sheet which has been marked to show changes presented in the replacement sheet of the drawing.

The specific change which has been made to Figure 18 is the prime reference numeral 134' has been changed to be 134.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

No claims are requested to be cancelled.

Claims 1, 5, 8, 10-11, 13, 16, and 19 are currently being amended. No new matter is added. No claims are being added.

This amendment changes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-20 remain pending in this application.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the disclosure is objected to for informalities. Applicants have amended Figure 18 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Applicants have also amended paragraph [101]. No new matter is added. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection of the specification is respectfully requested.

In paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Office Action, claims 1, 4-6 and 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,498,592 (Matthies). The Examiner states:

Regarding claim 1, Matthies discloses a display system, comprising: a plurality of tiles (Figure 1), each tile of the tiles including a matrix of pixel elements (Column 4, lines 30-35), the pixel elements selectively providing light at a first surface (Column 5, lines 6-12) of the tile in response to address signals, the pixel elements being coupled to an address circuit (Figure 2, item 22 and Column 8, lines 52-56) via conductors at a second surface . . .

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

In paragraphs 4-6 of the Office Action, claims 2 and 16-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Matthies in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,805,117 (Mazurek). The Examiner states:

Mazurek teaches of providing a transparent carrier medium (Figure 3, item 330). The Examiner interprets item 330 to be a transparent covering for the tiles that is part of a carrier medium used to contain the tiles. Also since all of the elements of the display system are present in Matthies and Mazurek, there would also be a way to manufacture the system.). Therefore it would have been obvious . . .

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

In paragraph 7 of the Office Action, claims 3, 9 and 11-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Matthies in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,252,564 (Albert). The Examiner states:

Regarding claim 3, Matthies discloses the display system of claim 1. Matthies fails to disclose wherein the medium is flexible. Albert et al. discloses wherein the medium is flexible

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

In paragraph 8 of the Office Action, claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matthies in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,849,935 (Palanisamy). The Examiner states:

Regarding claim 7, Matthies discloses the display system of claim 6, wherein the interposer is a flexible circuit board . . . Matthies fails to teach of the display system of claim 6, wherein the interposer is coupled to the interconnect member by flexible leads. Palanisamy teaches of the display system of claim 6, wherein the interposer is coupled to the interconnect member by flexible leads . . .

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. Matthies, Palanisamy, Albert, and Mazurek are referred to below as the cited art.

To advance prosecution, Applicants have amended each of independent claims 1, 8, 11, 13, 16 and 19 to recite limitations related to the contacts or conductive vias associated with pixel elements according to varying scopes. Applicants respectfully submit that such contacts are not shown, described or suggested as being between rib structures. Indeed, the cited art appears to be relatively silent as to the structure of contacts associated with the pixel structures. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-7, independent claim 8 and its dependent claims 9-10, independent claim 11 and its dependent claim 12, independent claim 13 and its dependent claims 14-15, independent 16 and its dependent claims 17-18, and independent claim 19 and its dependent claim 20 are patentable over the cited art.

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Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1722. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 18-1722. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 18-1722.

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ANNOTATED SHEET SHOWING CHANGES

